

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF AMENDED BILL**

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 Related Bills: See Prior Analysis Telephone: 845-4372 Amended Date: June 24, 2008  
 Attorney: Patrick Kusiak Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** FTB Reporting Requirements-FTB May Submit Reports To Legislature In Electronic Format Including a Link To Public Web Site Where Reports Can Be Downloaded & Reports Shall Be Posted to Public Web Site For 3 Years & Retained In Permanent Records

DEPARTMENT AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED. Amendments reflect suggestions of previous analysis of bill as introduced/amended \_\_\_\_\_.

AMENDMENTS IMPACT REVENUE. A new revenue estimate is provided.

AMENDMENTS DID NOT RESOLVE THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNS stated in the previous analysis of bill as introduced/amended \_\_\_\_\_.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS NECESSARY.

DEPARTMENT POSITION CHANGED TO \_\_\_\_\_.

REMAINDER OF PREVIOUS ANALYSIS OF BILL AS AMENDED

X April 1, 2008, STILL APPLIES.

X OTHER – See comments below.

**SUMMARY**

This bill would allow reports to be submitted to the Legislature in electronic format.

This analysis addresses only the provisions of the bill that impact the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

The June 24, 2008, amendments would require FTB to post on its public Web site any reports submitted by FTB to the Legislature in electronic format and maintain such reports, as specified.

Except for the This Bill section, the remainder of the department's analysis of this bill as amended April 1, 2008, still applies. The Implementation Concerns and Fiscal Impact remain; those discussions have been provided below for convenience.

Board Position:

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Legislative Director

Date

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## **ANALYSIS**

### **THIS BILL**

This bill would allow FTB to send any required report, including the Summary of Federal Income Tax Changes report, the Annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights report, and the Enterprise Zones report, to the Legislature in electronic format instead of printing and mailing paper copies of the reports. Electronic format would include sending the Legislature a link to the department's public Web site where the reports could be downloaded.

In addition, this bill would require FTB to post, on the department's public Web site, any report submitted by FTB to the Legislature in electronic format for a period of three years following the due date of the report. Thereafter, FTB would be required to retain a copy of the report, in electronic format, in the department's permanent records.

### **Implementation Concerns**

Because all reports are created in electronic form, implementing this bill would not impact the department's programs and operations.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The cost savings are anticipated to be insignificant because the department presently posts mandated reports on the FTB Web site.

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